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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: POPE APPEALS FOR SUCCESS OF CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. DURING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY GENERAL
AUDIENCE OF HIS PONTIFICATE ON SEPTEMBER 5, POPE JOHN PAUL I
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STRONGLY ENDORSED CAMP DAVID SUMMIT, INVITING ALL PRESENT TO
COLLECTIVELY PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CONVERSATIONS IN
ORDER THAT A "JUST AND COMPLETE" SOLUTION IS FOUND TO THE
MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

2. TEXT OF PAPAL APPEAL IS AS FOLLOWS:

QTE. THIS CONFLICT, WHICH FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS IS BEING FOUGHT IN THE LAND OF JESUS, ALREADY HAS CAUSED SO MANY VICTIMS, SO MUCH SUFFERING BOTH AMONG THE ARABS AND THE ISRAELIS, AND AS A VICIOUS DISEASE HAS CONTAMINATED THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THINK OF LEBANON - THE MARTYRED LEBANON - PLACED IN AN UPHEAVAL BY THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THIS CRISIS. FOR THIS THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE US TO PRAY TOGETHER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CAMP DAVID MEETING: THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS CLEAR THE WAY TO A JUST AND COMPLETE PEACE. JUST, THAT IS TO SAY, SATISFACTORY TO ALL THE PARTIES IN THE CONFLICT. COMPLETE, (THAT IS TO SAY) WITHOUT LEAVING UNRESOLVED ANY QUESTIONS; THAT IS, THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, ISRAELI SECURITY, THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM. WE PRAY TO THE LORD TO ILLUMINATE THE AUTHORITIES OF ALL THE INTERESTED PEOPLE SO THAT THEY MAY BE FARSEEING AND COURAGEOUS IN TAKING THE NECESSARY DECISIONS TO BRING SERENITY AND PEACE TO THE HOLY LAND AND IN ALL THE EASTERN WORLD." END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: WE VIEW DECISION TO ISSUE STRONG PAPAL ENDORSEMENT OF CAMP DIVAID SUMMIT AS HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY TIMELY DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND HIS HOLINESS DURING PRIVATE AUDIENCE AT THE VATICAN ON SEPTEMBER 4. END CONFIDENTIAL.HOLMES

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